

PRESS RELEASE



FROM: U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii

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SUBJECT: New Magistrate Judge

The United States District Court for the District of Hawaii announced today that Honolulu attorney Kenneth J. Mansfield has been selected to fill the upcoming vacancy for United States Magistrate Judge. The selection was made from nominees submitted by a Merit Selection Panel consisting of attorneys and lay persons residing within the state of Hawaii. Mr. Mansfield will fill a vacancy created when Magistrate Judge Barry M. Kurren retires on March 31, 2016.

The selection process generated an excellent pool of high caliber applicants. The job of magistrate judge is critical to the administration of justice in federal courts, and Mr. Mansfield's depth of experience and exceptional qualifications will make him a true asset to the district.

Mr. Mansfield is currently a co-managing partner at the Honolulu firm McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon. In private practice, Mr. Mansfield has focused on complex commercial litigation, with an emphasis in the areas of health care, education, employment, state procurement, and state regulated industries.

Mr. Mansfield received his Bachelor of Arts from Middlebury College and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

The term of office of a magistrate judge is eight years, with the opportunity to renew the appointment for additional terms. Mr. Mansfield's term will begin on April 1, 2016, after clearance by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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